

## House Resolution 1598

By: Representatives Neal of the 1<sup>st</sup> and Scott of the 2<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Walker County Sheriff Steve Wilson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Sheriff Steve Wilson is highly regarded by the citizens of this state and by local  
3 government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound  
4 principles of law enforcement; and

5 WHEREAS, in honor of his commitment to serving the citizens of Walker County and his  
6 incredible career in law enforcement, the Rossville Exchange Club is hosting The Rossville  
7 Exchange Club Dinner Roast Honoring Steve Wilson; and

8 WHEREAS, a graduate of LaFayette High School, Sheriff Wilson has extensive training in  
9 law enforcement from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Fingerprint School, the Georgia  
10 Department of Corrections Officer Mandate School at the University of Georgia, Floyd  
11 College's Police Academy, the Drug Enforcement Administration School, the Sheriffs' Elect  
12 Academy, Northern Virginia Community College, and the Naval Post Graduate School of  
13 the Center for Homeland Defense and Security; and

14 WHEREAS, Sheriff Wilson began his prestigious career in law enforcement 31 years ago  
15 as a fingerprint examiner for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C., and  
16 worked with the Georgia Department of Corrections and the City of LaFayette Police  
17 Department before joining the Walker County Sheriff's Office in 1986; and

18 WHEREAS, elected to serve as sheriff in 1996, Sheriff Wilson has implemented Walker  
19 County's first School Resource Officer program at Ridgeland High School, established a K-9  
20 Drug Detection Unit, upgraded the office's vehicle fleet using SPLOST funds, created an  
21 inmate chaplain program, started the Choosing Healthy Activities and Methods Promoting  
22 Safety (CHAMPS) program for each fifth grade classroom in Walker County, and  
23 established a partnership with local and state officials to create the BAT Mobile, a mobile  
24 blood alcohol testing unit to target impaired drivers; and

25 WHEREAS, Sheriff Wilson has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades  
26 throughout his career, including a Governor's Public Safety Award, 1995 Officer of the Year  
27 Award from the Rossville Exchange Club, and 2004 Walker County Citizen of the Year; and

28 WHEREAS, a community leader, Sheriff Wilson is an active member and past president of  
29 the LaFayette Optimist Club, past president of the Northwest Georgia Law Enforcement  
30 Executives Association, member of the Walker County Chamber of Commerce, and past  
31 president of the Constitutional Officers' Association of Georgia; and

32 WHEREAS, Sheriff Wilson has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding  
33 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and his efficient  
34 and effective commitment to excellence has been continually recognized by his peers.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body commend the selfless dedication exhibited by Sheriff Steve Wilson  
37 in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation for over three decades.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sheriff Steve Wilson.